

Proposed Changes to the Indiana Youth Soccer PLAYING/REGISTRATION RULES

The current wording of each rule is first... the proposed change follows in blue with explanations in red.

RECREATIONAL PLUS SOCCER

Rec+ Age Limits and Roster Limitations

SECTION 4.2-2 AGE DIVISIONS

Under 19	Under 18	Under 17	Under 16
Under 15	Under 14	Under 13	Under 12
Under 11	Under 10	Under 9	

**No recreational-plus divisions for Under 8 or below*

Proposed change:

Under 19	Under 18	Under 17	Under 16
Under 15	Under 14	Under 13	Under 12
Under 11	Under 10	Under 9	

**No recreational-plus divisions for Under 8 or below*

****Communities or leagues may petition Indiana Youth Soccer for U8 Rec+ play**

Restrictions on U8 Rec+ play have been modified

Also added:

Possible U8 Rec+ play would available for U8 teams only. Players on these teams may only be U7 or U8 players. U6 players will NOT be allowed to play Rec+.

SECTION 4.3-5 ROSTER SIZE

- A) No U10 or younger team shall be allowed more than twelve (12) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Indiana Youth Soccer recommends a roster of not more than ten (10) players. A team must field at least four (4) players to play a game. An Under 10 team (which includes an under 9 team) may not have more than 40% of its roster composed of U8 players.
- B) Indiana Youth Soccer shall not sanction games involving Under 11 and Under 12 teams unless such games are conducted in an 8 v 8 format, one player of which must be designated as a goalkeeper. A team must field at least six (6) players to play a game. An under 11 or Under 12 team may not have more than 40% of its roster composed of U10 or younger players.
- C) U13 and older teams may not have more than 40% of their roster composed of players whose ages are U12 and younger (those players whose age dictates small sided play format).

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- B) Indiana Youth Soccer shall not sanction games involving Under 11 and Under 12 teams unless such games are conducted in an 8v8 format, one player of which must be designated as a goalkeeper.**

References to the 60/40 % rule have been eliminated.

SECTION 4.3-7 EXPANDED ROSTER

C) Guest players will not be allowed when fourteen (14) [ten (10) in the case of small sided teams] players rostered to the team are available

This section has been dropped completely.

SECTION 4.4-1 LEAGUE RESTRICTIONS

No Affiliated Member Organization may conduct or sponsor any recreation- plus league competition for players who are U8 or younger.

No affiliated Member Organization may conduct or sponsor any recreational Plus league competition for players who are U8 or younger. U8 Rec+ play may be added in communities or leagues if they petition Indiana Youth Soccer and are approved.

Also added in this section:

SECTION 4.4-4 REC+ TOURNAMENT PLAY

No team that is U8 or younger may entered or be accepted into a tournament that is designated as hosting teams that is either Travel or Select

SECTION 4.5 TEAM REGISTRATION

Add: Recreational Plus teams may not roster players that are more than two years younger than the specific team age printed on the roster for U9-U14 Teams. There will be no age restrictions on players aged U14 and older who are rostered on teams U14 and older. (Example: a U10 team may roster players aged U10, U9 and U8; a U13 team may roster players aged U13,U12 and U11; A U19 team may roster players aged U14-19).

RULE 4.8 LEAGUE, TRAVEL & TOURNAMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL-PLUS TEAMS

Add: No U8 or younger team may enter and/or play in a tournament designated as travel, select or competitive.

SECTION 4.8-2 OUT-OF-STATE

Add: No U8 or younger team may enter and/or play in a tournament designated as travel, select or competitive.

TRAVEL SOCCER

RULE 5.3 INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER VARIANCES - AGE AND ROSTER LIMITATIONS

SECTION 5.3-2 UNDER 9

Under 9 teams will be accepted and rostered as Under 9 teams. All rules regarding Under 10 players apply to Under 9 players.

This will be deleted as it is not needed anymore. Used for small sided games phase in process

SECTION 5.3-3 SMALL-SIDED PLAY FOR UNDER 10

SMALL SIDED PLAY FOR UNDER 9 AND 10 TEAMS

SECTION 5-3

Indiana Youth Soccer shall not sanction games involving teams Under 10 or younger, unless such games are conducted in an 6 v 6 format one player of which must be designated as a goalkeeper. A team must field at least four (4) players to play a game. An under 10 team (which includes an under 9 team) may not have more than 40% of its roster composed of U8 players.

Indiana Youth Soccer shall not sanction games involving teams U9 or U10 unless such games are conducted in a 6v6 formation and one player who must be designated as a goalkeeper. A team must field at least four (4) players to play a game. Effective 9-1-2006, players that are U8 and younger WILL NOT be allowed to roster on any Indiana Youth Soccer Travel team.

This is a major change. We propose that we do not allow ANY U8 player to play on a travel team beginning fall 2006 (giving clubs a year to adjust) Section 5.4-6 provides a club for an individual appeal to this rule. The purpose is to begin to eliminate high level competition for young players. All references to the 60/40 % rule have thus been eliminated.

SECTION 5.3-4 UNDER 9-10 ROSTER SIZE

No U10 or younger team shall be allowed more than twelve (12) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Indiana Youth Soccer recommends a roster of not more than nine (10) players.

Out-of-state league play: U9 and U10 teams may continue to play 8 v 8 in leagues in those states not adopting the small-sided game. Policy for future seasons will be evaluated and determined by April 1st each year for the upcoming seasonal year.

Out of state tournament play: U9 and U10 teams may be issued permits to travel for out of state tournaments that have not adopted small sided games. Policy for future seasons will be determined by April 1st each year for the upcoming seasonal year.

No U9 or U10 team shall be allowed more than twelve (12) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Indiana Youth Soccer recommends a roster of no more than ten (10).

Out of State League play: U9 and U10 teams may play up to an 8v8 format in leagues of those states not adopting the same small sided play roster sizes and format.

Out of State Tournament Play: U9 and U10 teams may be issued permits to travel to out of state tournaments that have not adopted similar small sided play roster sizes and format not to exceed 8v8.

All proposed changes to clarify allowed formats for play in leagues and tournaments.

SECTION 5.3-5 SMALL SIDED PLAY FOR UNDER 11 AND UNDER 12

Indiana Youth Soccer shall not sanction games involving Under 11 and Under 12 teams, unless such games are conducted in a 8 v 8 format, one player of which must be designated as a goalkeeper. A team must field at least six (6) players to play a game. An under 11 or under 12 team may not have more than 40% of its roster composed of U10 or younger players.

Indiana Youth Soccer shall not sanction games involving Under 11 and Under 12 teams, unless such games are conducted in an 8v8 format, one player of which must be

designated as a goalkeeper. A team must field at least six (6) players to play a game. This rule applies to both league and tournament play in Indiana

Eliminating reference to the 60/40 %rule.

ADD: Travel teams may not roster players that are more than 2 years younger than the specific team age printed on the roster for U9-U13 Teams. There will be no age restrictions on playing “up” or rostering on older teams no matter what the age level, but ONLY for those players U14 and older. (Example: a U10 team may roster players aged U10, U9 and U8; a U13 team may roster players aged U13,U12 and U11. A U9 team may only roster U8 or U9 players – beginning fall 2006, a U9 team may only roster players that are true U9 age). Please refer to the following chart for more specifics.

TEAM AGE PLAYER AGE GROUPS ALLOWED -TRAVEL

U9	Only players whose actual age is U8 or U9. After the 2005-06 playing year, only true U9 players will be allowed to roster on U9 travel teams (seasonal year 2006-07).
U10	Only players whose actual age is U8, U9 or U10. After the 2005-06 playing year, only U9 or U10 players will be allowed to roster on U10 travel teams
U11	only players whose actual age is U9, U10 or U11
U12	only players whose actual age is U10, U11 or U12
U13	only players whose actual age is U11, U12 or U13
U14***	only players whose actual age is U12, U13 or U14
U15	only players whose actual age is U13, U14 or U15
U16 - U19	players aged U14 and older

**** For players whose real age is actually U14 and older, there is no limit to how many age groups the players may play up

This paragraph and chart has been inserted to limit the amount of years that a player may play “up” in the younger age groups. At age 14, a player may play up with no limits.

Out-of-state league play: U11 and U12 teams may continue to play 11 v 11 in leagues in those states not adopting the small-sided game. Policy for future seasons will be evaluated and determined by April 1 each year.

Out of state tournament play: U11 and U12 teams may be issued permits to travel for out of state tournaments that have not adopted small sided games. Policy for future seasons will be determined by April 1st each year for the upcoming seasonal year. Add similar language needs to be added in tournament rules.

Out-of-state league play: U11 and U12 teams may play 11v11 in leagues in those states not adopting small-sided game formats.

Out of state tournament play: U11 and U12 teams may be issued permits to travel for out of state tournaments that have adopted small sided game formats greater than 8v8 or still play 11v11

RULE 5.4 COMPETITIVE LEAGUE RESTRICTIONS FOR UNDER 8

ADD:

5.4-1 AGE RESTRICTIONS

No player may be rostered on an Indiana Youth Soccer team designated as TRAVEL if the player's birth date does not fall into the U9 US Youth Soccer designated age bracket for the playing year. Players whose birthdates place them in the U8 and below age groups WILL NOT be allowed to roster on travel teams beginning in the fall of 2006.

More referenced to the proposed policy of no U8 travel... for teams or players

SECTION 5.4-5 APPEAL

Appeal of any portion of this rule must be made in writing to the Registration Committee Chair

Appeal of any portion of this rule must be made *in writing* to the Indiana Youth Soccer Director of Coaching.

Allows for exceptions to playing "up" rules and no U8 travel players

SECTION 5.6-3 TRANSFERS

A} Transfers per team:

- 1} Travel teams will be limited to a total of three (3) previously rostered transferred players for playing in the State Cup

Teams are limited to a total of five (5) previously rostered (transferred) players for the purpose of playing in the state cup. National Cup rule change

D) Player transfer procedure: Players on travel or recreational-plus teams may transfer teams during the seasonal year by:

- 1} New team must complete and submit a transfer form to Indiana Youth Soccer.
- 2} New team must pay transfer fee set by Indiana Youth Soccer.
- 3} Player pass and roster from old team must accompany transfer form.
- 4} Transfers will be processed: Between October 31st and December 15th of the seasonal year without the permission of the coach of the team from which he is transferring.

At any time with the permission of the coach of the team from which he is transferring. The coach of the team from which the player is transferring must sign the transfer form.

At any time, if the team from which he is transferring dissolves or fails to form. Upon petition to the Registration Committee and approval by said committee

All references to the transfer procedure have been eliminated. The following verbiage has been added. Basically, transfers are being limited greatly.

- 1. A player that is rostered and carded may transfer only upon petition to Indiana Youth Soccer.**
- 2. Clubs may not submit a roster of players unless each of the players whose names are listed on the roster has applied their signature to the club's annual playing season commitment form.**

SECTION 5.6-4 DOUBLE ROSTERING

A) Players may register on up to two youth teams per seasonal year providing the following conditions are complied with:

- 1) A player can play for more than one team in the same competition as long as the competition has no restrictions regarding double rostering.
- 2) Players must indicate at registration their primary team for National and State Cup Competition, i.e.; the player pass will indicate "primary (Cup Team)" or "secondary team".
- 3) Double rostering will be allowed at the initial time of team registration or at any other time allowed by these rules, when the roster forms indicating primary or secondary on the roster, are sent to Indiana Youth Soccer.
- 4) New teams formed after the fall season may double roster previously rostered players. Those players must be listed as such on that team roster, indicating primary or secondary on the roster at that time. Player passes and original rosters must be submitted for previously rostered players.
- 5) Players added to a roster after initial team registration must be players not previously rostered, or will be considered transfers.
- 6) Players may roster on a second team (double roster) between August 1 and April 15th.
- 7) Players may change their designation as primary or secondary between August 1 and March 15th.
- 8) Players may change their designation as primary or secondary without the permission of their primary coach between October 31st and December 15th.
Players may be added as secondary to another club's team only with the permission of the player's primary coach.
- 9) A player may not be rostered on more than two (2) teams.

C) Indiana Youth Soccer Allied Member Organizations **may** allow secondarily rostered players to participate in league play

RULE 5.7 TRYOUTS

SECTION 5.7-1.1 ALLOWABLE CONTACT

A club may post on its web site its tryout dates at any time so long as the information is not specifically available on the home page. Access to the specific information must be through a link. On or after May 1, a club may advertise its tryouts on its home page.

On or after May 1, a club or team may mail or advertise tryouts in newspapers, by public notice or by direct mail. From June 1 until a player has committed to another team for the upcoming seasonal year (either by signing a commitment to play, player pass or paying the fee or a portion of the fee), a coach or team designee may personally contact a player to play for the upcoming seasonal year for a team or club. Such contacts may not violate 5.7-2 (A).

A club may post tryout dates on its website at any time. A club or team may advertise tryouts in newspapers or by public notice at any time. From June 1, until a player has committed to another team for the upcoming seasonal year (either by signing a commitment to play, player pass or paying the fee or a portion of the fee), a coach or team designee may personally contact a player by direct mail, phone, email or in person to play in the upcoming seasonal year for a team or club. Such contacts may not violate 5.7-2 (A).

ADD: ODP players may not be contacted or spoken to about club play (tryouts or otherwise) by an ODP Staff Member, coach or administrator at ODP events.

SECTION 5.7-2 RULES REGARDING PLAYER CONTACT AND INDUCEMENT

C) Unless otherwise set forth herein, no coach, club representative, assistant coach, trainer, or team representative may practice any sanctioned soccer related activity with any IYSA registered player who is registered on another team except during tryouts, the player is a guest player or during the open transfer period between October 31st and December 15th.

ADD: Any complaints regarding player contact and inducement should be sent to the Indiana Youth Soccer office.

The following chart will be inserted in the Playing Rules to replace the Rec+ and Travel charts in the existing rules.

**Indiana Youth Soccer Recreation Plus and Travel Small-Sided Games Format
Fall 2005**

Bold Print-Mandatory
Italics-Recommended

Age Group	U9/10	U11/12	U13 and Above
Format	6v6 (5 plus a goalkeeper)	8v8 (7 plus a goalkeeper)	11v11 (10 plus a goalkeeper)
Goalkeeper	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goalkeeper Distribution	Throwing, Rolling, and *Restricted Punting. (See below)	Throwing, Rolling, and Punting.	Throwing, Rolling, and Punting
Roster Size	12 Maximum 6 Minimum	14 Maximum 8 Minimum	18 Maximum 11 Minimum
Game Duration	2 x 25 minutes	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 35 minutes
Substitutions	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Ball Size	4	4	5

<i>Recommended Goal Size</i>	Recommended 6ft x 12 ft 6ft x 18 ft-Maximum	Recommended 6ft x 18 ft 7ft x21 ft-Maximum	8ft x 24 ft
<i>Recommended Field Size</i>	Recommended 45L x 35W Minimum 55L x 45 W Maximum	Recommended 75L x 55W Minimum 80L x 60 W Maximum	Recommended 110L x 65W Minimum 120L x 80W Maximum
<i>Recommended Center Circle Size</i>	Recommended 5 yard radius	Recommended 8 yard radius	10 yard radius
<i>Recommended Corner Arc</i>	Recommended 3 feet	Recommended 3 feet	3 feet
<i>Recommended Goal Box</i>	Recommended 4 yd L x 14 yd W	Recommended 4 yd L x 14 yd W	6 yd L x 20 yd W
<i>Recommended Penalty Box-by yards</i>	Recommended 9 x 22 yard	Recommended 14 x 34 yard	18 x 44 yard
<i>Recommended Penalty Mark</i>	Recommended 8 yards out from center of goal line	Recommended 10 yards from center of goal line	12 yards from center of goal line
Distance for Free Kicks	7 yards	10 yards	10 yards
<i>Recommendations for Scores/Standings</i>	Yes/No	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes
Throw-In	Throw-ins	Throw-ins	Throw-ins
Offside	No	Yes	Yes
Referee	1	1	1
Asst. Referees <i>U9/10 not mandatory, but recommended. U11/12 and above-mandatory</i>	Recommended Yes (2) or club	Yes (2) or club	Yes (2) or club

*** U9/10 Restricted Punt Rule**

Punting and/or Drop Kicks are allowed, however the ball may not land past midfield without touching the ground or another player first.

Throwing, Rolling, and/or putting the ball down on the ground and kicking it beyond midfield line in air is allowed.

- **In the case of an infraction, an indirect free kick will be awarded. The indirect free kick will be placed at the midfield line.**